

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please find accompanying this response a proposed Fig. 5 and a Letter to the Draftsman.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification and abstract is provided herewith to facilitate prosecution of the application. Additionally, a marked reproduction of the original specification and abstract, showing changes effected in the substitute specification and abstract, is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute for corresponding pending claims the claims as shown rewritten below with amendments effected therein. Appendix I is attached hereto having marked versions of said claims with amendments indicated by brackets and underlining.

B1 1. (Twice Amended) A pressure-sensitive tape for closing, sealing or gluing joints in house construction, including joints in corners and edges, comprising a backing layer, an adhesive layer supported by the backing layer, and a peelable protective film resting on the adhesive layer, wherein the protective film has at least